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E.O. 11652: XGDS  
TAGS: PARM, CH, UR, MBFR, SALT, PEPR, US  
SUBJECT: USTINOV AND OGARKOV "VICTORY DAY" SPEECHES CITE  
THREAT FROM EAST AND WEST

1. ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS FULL FBIS TEXTS OF USTINOV AND  
OGARKOV "VICTORY DAY" STATEMENTS CARRIED (RESPECTIVELY)  
IN MAY 8 IZVESTIYA AND MAY 9 PRAVDA. TAKEN TOGETHER, THE  
STATEMENTS FOR THE MOST PART REPEAT STANDARD SOVIET PROPAGANDA  
THEMES: THE "DECISIVE" ROLE THE USSR PLAYED IN  
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DEFEATING HITLER'S GERMANY; CONTINUING EXISTENCE OF CONTEMPORARY  
THREATS TO THE SOVIET UNION POSTED BY THE WEST AND CHINA; DETERMINATION  
AND PREPAREDNESS OF THE SOVIET UNION TO MEET THESE THREATS; THE NEED  
TO INSURE THE SECURITY OF THE USSR AND THE "SOCIALIST" COMMUNITY TO  
SERVE THE INTERESTS OF "ALL PEACELOVING FORCES" IN THE WORLD; USTINOV  
REPRODUCED STANDARD SELF-RIGHTEOUS SOVIET POSITIONS ON

DISARMAMENT ISSUES INCLUDING CTB, SALT, MBFR AND THE NEUTRON BOMB.

2. PERHAPS MOST NOTEWORTHY ASPECT OF BOTH STATEMENTS IS THE CONTENTION (FIRST MADE BY PONOMAREV IN HIS RECENT HELSINKI SPEECH) THAT THE SOVIET UNION MUST DEAL WITH THE WEST AND CHINA IN PLANNING ITS DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS. BOTH USTINOV AND OGARKOV MOVE DIRECTLY FROM DESCRIPTIONS OF EFFORTS BY NATO TO STRENGTHEN ITS MILITARY CAPABILITIES TO A DESCRIPTION OF THE CHINESE MILITARY THREAT. USTINOV (RECENTLY IN SIBERIA WITH BREZHNEV WITNESSING SOVIET MILITARY MANEUVERS ALONG THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER) CHARGES THAT THE PRC LEADERSHIP, WHILE STRENGTHENING MILITARIZATION OF THE PRC, INCREASING ALL FORMS OF ARMS, INCLUDING NUCLEAR WEAPONRY, MAKES TERRITORIAL CLAIMS ON ITS NEIGHBORS. OGARKOV SPECIFICALLY REFERS TO CHINA'S "ADVENTURISTIC ANTI-SOVIET POLICY" AND OPEN COOPERATION WITH "IMPERIALIST RE-ACTION".

3. WE READ THESE ADDITIONAL REFERENCES (AFTER THOSE OF PONOMAREV) TO THE THREAT TO THE SOVIET UNION FROM CHINA AS WELL AS THE WEST AS A POSSIBLE SOVIET "MARKET" FOR SALT  
III. THE SOVIETS MAY ALSO BE DEVELOPING THE "THREAT FROM EAST AND WEST" THEME IN A BID TO SUPPLY U.S. ADVOCATES OF A SALT II WITH SOME AMMUNITION FOR THE SALT II RATIFICATION DEBATE IN THE U.S. TOON  
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